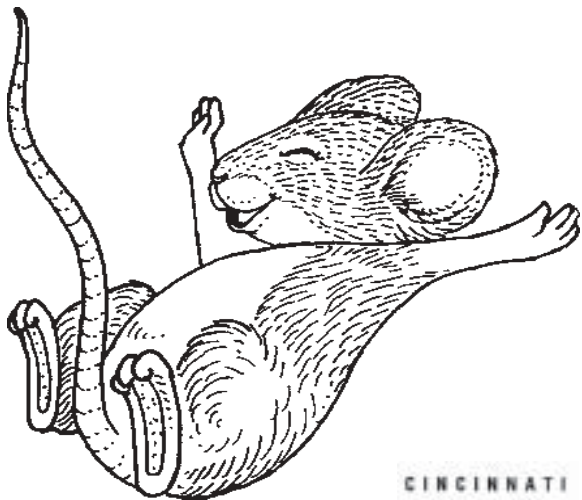


Cincinnati Parks Present.....



NATURE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS



In this guide, you will find Park Naturalist-led programs specifically designed for preschool children. Use this guide to locate the programs that best complement your classroom lessons, and to help you schedule a field trip for your class. Every program listed can be enjoyed at any of our four nature centers.

Our four Nature Centers are :

Avon Woods Nature Center

4235 Paddock Rd. (513) 861-3435
Paddock Hills/ Avondale

Caldwell Nature Center

430 W. North Bend Rd. (513) 761-4313
Carthage/Hartwell

California Woods Nature Center

5400 Kellogg Ave. (513) 231-8678
California

LaBoiteaux Woods Nature Center

5400 Lanius Lane (513) 542-2909
College Hill

To Schedule, Call: (513) 321-6070

Bettman Education Center

Fees: \$3.00 per child for schools located
within the City of Cincinnati.
\$5.00 per child for schools located
outside the city's limits.

Note: Teachers and staff room aides do not pay,
but the fee does apply to any additional
chaperones.

Year-round Programs:

All programs emphasize age-appropriate hands-on activities. Center naturalists will be happy to answer questions about program specifics.



Making Sense of Senses

Preschool students will explore the natural world while using and learning about their five senses. They will compare their hearing to how other animals hear. Your students will discover what tools or adaptations are used by wild creatures to feel, and the many ways animals see and smell. They will also get to hike, and have a chance to meet one of our resident animals for a close-up look at how it uses its senses.

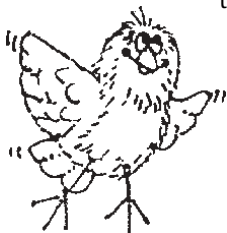
Nature's ABC'S and 123's

"A" is for acorn. A spider has eight legs. These are a few of the many things your students will learn as they practice their letter recognition and counting skills. We will play games, hike and meet an animal up close. Who knows what we will come up with for letter "z?"

A World of Colors, Shapes and Sizes

What an amazing world we live in! Join the naturalists as we discover the many colors, shapes and sizes in nature. Preschoolers will work on sorting natural items by size and shape. They will also go on a hike searching for different colors. Every season of the year, nature offers a rainbow of colors to those who know where to look.

The children will also meet an animal or two, and learn how wildlife uses color to warn, attract and survive.



Seasonal Programs:

We also offer seasonal programs as well! Seasonal programs are a wonderful way to introduce young children to the world of nature. Each seasonal program will feature a puppet show, hike, activity and craft.

Fabulous Fall

The leaves are changing colors. Animals are preparing for winter. Join us as we find out what makes this season special!

Winter Wonders

There is a chill in the air! Find out who is out and about and who is snoozing the winter away. Bundle up for some winter exploration.



Springing into Spring

Things are warming up. Plants are greening up. Animal babies are springing up. Come see what's happening in spring.



Maple Sugaring

Maple Sugaring programs are offered at Caldwell Nature Center and California Woods Nature Preserve.

Find out the secrets of maple sugaring first hand.

Preschoolers will learn where the sugar comes from, and how we tap the trees. Then they see (and taste!) how tree sap becomes maple syrup. This program, only offered during the month of February, is typically a *one-hour* program.

Have a special request?

Cincinnati Park Nature Centers are able to do other programs as well for your preschoolers.

We have such programs as:

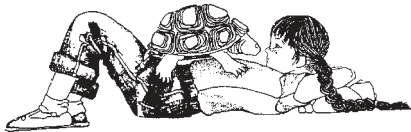
- Native Americans
- Pioneer Life
- Local Wildlife
- Habitats, and many more.



Call our main office at Bettman Natural Resource Center at **(513) 321-6070**. They will connect you to a nature center that can meet your students' needs.

Some very important things to keep in mind:

- Programs are designed for 4 and 5 year olds only. Please no 3 year olds.
- Programs are 2 hours long; times can be adjusted if prior notice is given.
- Please make sure students are dressed for the weather. Sneakers or boots are recommended footwear for our trails.
- Nametags help naturalists call on and answer the children by name.



Reasonable accommodations can be made upon advance request.

Call: **321-6070** or **352-3380** (TTY)

Wheelchair hikes are possible at Caldwell and California Woods.

"If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder... he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, re-discovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in."

Rachel Carson



For more information about any of our Cincinnati Parks, check out our website at **www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks**



"The years of early childhood are the time to prepare the soil." Rachel Carson